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Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced application, please amend the application as follows:

<u>In the Specification</u> (Clean copy as amended)

Please replace paragraph 19 on Page 4 with the following:

[0018] FIGS. 6-6A are a set of orthographic views illustrating an anterior subassembly as shown in FIG. 2, incorporating the chin strut shown in FIGS. 3A-3E and the upper and lower anterior front plates seen in FIGS. 4-5;

Remarks

The changes made by this amendment are intended to place the application in better condition for examination. No new matter has been added. Expeditious and favorable review of this application is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted

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Version with Markings to Show Changes to Specification

Please replace paragraph 19 on Page 4 with the following:

[0018] FIGS. 6A-6E-6A are a set of orthographic views illustrating an anterior subassembly as shown in FIG. 2, incorporating the chin strut shown in FIGS. 3A-3E and the upper and lower anterior front plates seen in FIGS. 4-5;